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Agenda

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2011/239, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan; and document S/2011/244, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur.

After consultations among Council members, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf the Council:

(*spoke in English*)

"The Security Council reaffirms its support for the continued negotiations between the parties to the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), including under the auspices of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) and its Chair, President Thabo Mbeki.

"Noting that the conclusion of the CPA interim period on 9 July is soon approaching, the Council urges the parties, meeting at the highest level, as necessary, to reach agreement on outstanding CPA issues and post-CPA arrangements. The Council also encourages the parties to engage with the United Nations on the future of the United Nations presence in the Sudan.

"The Security Council reiterates its deep concern over increased tensions, violence and displacement in the Abyei Area. The Council calls on both parties to implement and adhere to recent security agreements by withdrawing from the Abyei Area all forces other than the Joint Integrated Units and Joint Integrated Police Units allowed under those agreements, and to urgently reach an agreement on Abyei's post-CPA status. The Council affirms that it is the responsibility of the CPA parties, including during their negotiations under the auspices of AUHIP and its Chair, President Thabo Mbeki, to reach agreement on the status of Abyei. In this regard, the Council acknowledges the July 2009 ruling by The Hague's Permanent Court of Arbitration, which defines the borders of Abyei.

"The Security Council welcomes the start of the popular consultation process in Blue Nile State and the rescheduled 2 to 4 May gubernatorial and state assembly elections in Southern Kordofan state. The Council expresses its concern about recent violence in Southern Kordofan and underscores the responsibility of all parties to avoid inflammatory rhetoric and to ensure peaceful and credible elections. The Council also stresses the importance of inclusive, timely and credible popular consultation processes, in accordance with the CPA. The Council urges both parties to reach a security agreement regarding the future of the tens of thousands of troops from the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) from Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile states. The Council also urges the parties to reach agreement on security arrangements and to determine the future status of Southerners currently serving in the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF).

"The Security Council is deeply concerned about recent violence between the SPLA and local militias, specifically in Jonglei, Upper Nile and Unity states. The Council calls on the leaders of the Government of Southern Sudan and the SPLA to find peaceful solutions to the violence, prevent further clashes and restore calm.

"The Council underlines the need for the CPA parties to promote calm, including by providing immediate and ongoing reassurance to people of all nationalities in the Sudan, including Southerners in the North and Northerners in the South, that their rights, safety and property will be respected. The Council urges the CPA parties to respect their obligations in this regard.

"The Council reiterates in the strongest terms that any obstruction to freedom of movement of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) is unacceptable and that UNMIS requires full and unfettered access throughout the mission area.

"The Security Council will not tolerate any support to proxy militias by either party to the CPA.

"The Security Council reiterates its deep concern over the serious increase in violence and insecurity in Darfur, including ceasefire violations, restrictions on access to vulnerable populations throughout Darfur by the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) and the humanitarian community, attacks by rebel groups, aerial bombardment by the Sudanese Armed Forces and the ongoing displacement of civilians. The Council expresses its deep condolences to the family of the peacekeeper killed on 5 April and urges UNAMID and the Government of the Sudan to conduct a full and thorough investigation into the incident.

"The Security Council reaffirms its support for UNAMID, including the increasingly full implementation of its Chapter VII mandate to deliver its core tasks of protecting civilians and assuring humanitarian access, as defined in resolution 1769 (2007), and recalls the priority given to its efforts in support of the African Union-United Nations-led political process for Darfur. The Council demands that the Government of the Sudan and the armed movements cease hostilities and ensure full and unhindered access, by land and by air, for UNAMID throughout the mission area, and allow humanitarian workers to provide assistance to all populations in need. The Council notes the statement made by the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations Security Council on 20 April that his Government would issue all outstanding 1,117 visas for UNAMID personnel, and urgently calls on the Government of Sudan to do so.

"The Security Council reaffirms its support for the African Union-United Nations-led peace process for Darfur, hosted by the State of Qatar, and the work of Joint Chief Mediator Djibril Bassolé. The Council further reaffirms its support for the principles guiding the negotiations. The Council strongly urges all other rebel movements to join the peace process without further delay or preconditions. The Council urges the parties in Doha to make the necessary concessions to quickly reach a ceasefire and political agreement, and looks forward to the outcome of the upcoming All-Darfur Stakeholders' Conference in Doha. The Council believes that this Conference should be fully representative of all of Darfur's populations and interest groups. The Council reiterates the importance of the increased participation of women in the Sudanese peace processes.

"The Security Council recognizes the potential complementary role that a Darfur-based Political Process (DPP) could play in ensuring the participation and support of the people of Darfur and better enabling them to be involved in the implementation of the outcome of the Doha peace process. The Council is nonetheless concerned that important aspects of the enabling environment necessary for a DPP are not in place, including, first, the civil and political rights of participants such that they can exercise their views without fear of retribution; secondly, freedom of speech and assembly to permit open consultations; thirdly, freedom of movement of participants and UNAMID; fourthly, proportional participation among Darfurians; fifthly, freedom from harassment, arbitrary arrest and intimidation; and, sixthly, freedom from interference by the Government or armed movements. The Council calls on the Government of the Sudan and the armed movements to contribute to the creation of such an enabling environment for a DPP, working closely with UNAMID as appropriate, and in particular calls on the Government of the Sudan to fulfil its stated commitment to lift the state of emergency in Darfur.

"The Council also calls on the Government of the Sudan to release all political detainees, to allow free expression and to undertake effective efforts to ensure accountability for serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law by whomsoever perpetrated."

(*spoke in Spanish*)

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The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.